

Thursday, July 10, 2008

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Ten "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 1317 –Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1286 - Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act (Rep. Cardoza-Rules):** The structured rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Cardoza, and consideration will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic Motion ordering the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
- **Motion to Go to Conference on H.R. 3121 - Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007 (Rep. Frank – Financial Services) Motion to Instruct Conferees.** Debate on the Motion to Instruct will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the Motion to Instruct Conferees.
 - Possible Vote on adoption of the Motion to Instruct Conferees.
- **H.R. 1286 - Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act (Rep. Hinchey-Natural Resources):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Natural Resources Committee Chair Rep. Nick J. Rahall, or his designee, and will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on passage of the bill.**

Postponed Suspension Votes (2 bills):

- 1) **H.Res. 1313** - Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and honoring her contributions to the space program and to science education (Rep. Lampson – Science and Technology)
- 2) **H.Res.1315** - Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Rep. McCaul – Science and Technology)

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 1286: Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act

H.R. 1286 would designate an approximately 600-mile national historic trail tracing the routes taken by Continental and French troops marching from New England to face the British Army at Yorktown, Virginia.

A study by the National Park Service, authorized by the 106th Congress (Public Law 106-473), examined the corridor along that historic march and concluded that the trail is suitable and feasible for designation as a national historic trail under the National Trails System Act.

The preferred alternative, which the bill implements, outlines a route that mostly follows existing public roads; some segments are on public lands (especially lands owned by local jurisdictions) or near publicly regulated navigable waters. While the historic route does cross some private lands, the NPS study states “No federal acquisition of lands or interests in lands is proposed or anticipated^{1/4}. Management of the trail would depend on cooperative partnerships^{1/4}”

Anticipated Amendments to H.R. 1286

1. Bishop, Rob (UT): Would amend the language in the bill prohibiting the use of eminent domain by the Federal government to specifically prohibit the Federal government from acquiring, for the trail, from State or local governments, land acquired by a State or local government through its own use of eminent domain. (10 minutes)

2. Pearce (NM): Would require the Secretary to complete and submit to Congress a report on the energy resources included in the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. (10 minutes)

Quote of the Day

“A nation can be no stronger abroad than she is at home. Only an America which practices what it preaches about equal rights and social justice will be respected by those whose choice affects our future” -John F. Kennedy (undelivered address, Dallas TX, Nov. 22 1963)